

CAPSULE SUMMARY

5905 Ebenezer Road

BA-2829

The house at 5905 Ebenezer Road was constructed in 1894 by the Vincent family as part of a speculative development venture. The property on which 5905 Ebenezer Road was historically associated with the Vincent family, for whom Vincent Farm Road is named. Beginning in late 19th century to the turn of the 20th century, the Vincent family began to purchase vast acres of largely unimproved agricultural land in the White Marsh area. Based on deed references recorded in the 1930s and 1940s, the family intended to subdivide the land and construct speculative housing.

The house is two stories in height and three bays in width. The wood frame house is set on a solid, parged foundation and has been clad in aluminum siding, obscuring the original material. Derived from the Colonial Revival style, the house has a symmetrical facade with a central entrance. A side gable roof covers the original two-story, three-bay portion of the building, and a large two-story, wood frame addition extending the full width of the house has been constructed at the rear of the building. A concrete block, exterior chimney has been constructed at the east of the building where the original building joins the addition.

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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1. Name of Property

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historic name _____

common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 5905 Ebenezer Road not for publication _____
city or town White Marsh vicinity _____ state Maryland code MD
county Baltimore code 005 zip code 21162

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

| Contributing | Noncontributing | |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | buildings |
| <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | sites |
| <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | structures |
| <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | objects |
| <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | Total |

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____

No ☒

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Solid: Parged

roof Gable: Asphalt Shingles

walls Wood Frame: Aluminum Siding

other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance 1894-present

Significant Dates 1894

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Baltimore County Land Records, Recorder of Deeds, Baltimore County, Towson, Maryland.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 33,005 Square Feet

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property at 5905 Ebenezer Road is designated as Parcel 26 as indicated on Map 83, Grid 1.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The property at 5905 Ebenezer Road has been historically associated with Parcel 26 since the building's construction in 1894.

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Traceries date August 12, 1997
street & number 5420 Western Avenue telephone 301/656-5283
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815

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12. Property Owner

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name Helen and John Surman
street & number 5905 Ebenezer Road telephone _____
city or town White Marsh state MD zip code 21162

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The house at 5905 Ebenezer Road is two stories in height and three bays in width. Constructed in 1894, the wood frame house is set on a solid, parged foundation and has been clad in aluminum siding, obscuring the original material. Derived from the Colonial Revival style, the house has a symmetrical facade with a central entrance. A side gable roof covers the original two-story, three-bay portion of the building, and a large two-story, wood frame addition extending the full width of the house has been constructed at the rear of the building. A concrete block, exterior chimney has been constructed at the east of the building where the original building joins the addition.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The facade, the north elevation of the building is three bays in width and two stories in height. At the center of the first story is a single-leaf, panel-and-light door that is crowned with a wood pediment. The doorway is flanked by replacement, 1/1 aluminum windows. The second story is also articulated with replacement 1/1 aluminum windows at the outer bays.

The gable end of the original building is located at the northern end of the west elevation, and the two-story addition stretches to the south. The first story of the original bay is articulated with a single replacement, 1/1 aluminum window. Within the addition, four more 1/1, aluminum windows mark the first story. An entrance vestibule with a 1-light fixed window and an aluminum, panel-and-light door is also located at the first story of the west elevation. The second story is marked by three 1/1 windows with flush frames and an ogee capped lintel and by one 1/1 aluminum window.

The south elevation is two bays wide with a small one-story addition, constructed in two phases, to the east. Both openings at the first story of the two-story addition have 1/1 windows, but the window in the west bay is aluminum, not wood. At the second story, both bays are filled with 1/1 windows. All wood sash windows on this elevation have flush frames with an ogee capped lintel. The one-story addition consists of two one-story, frame, shed roof additions. The western one-story addition is clad in aluminum siding and has a 1-light fixed window. The eastern one-story addition is a screened porch with a screened door at the south elevation.

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The east elevation, like the west elevation, expresses both the original gable end of the building and the two-story addition. The southern portion of the first story of the addition is obscured by the two one-story, shed roof, wood frame additions. On the east wall of the addition is a single-leaf, flush wood door. Within the exposed first story are two original 2/2 windows and a non-original 1/1 aluminum window. At the second story are three 1/1 windows, and within the original portion of the dwelling is a replacement 1/1 aluminum window. All wood, sash windows at this elevation have flush frames with an ogee cap.

OUTBUILDINGS:

A large, one-story, two-car, modern garage is located at the southwest corner of the property. The garage is rectangular in plan and constructed of concrete block with a flat roof. A small, one-story, frame addition with a shed roof has been constructed to the east of the building.

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The house at 5905 Ebenezer Road was constructed in 1894 by the Vincent family as part of a speculative development venture. This house is an example of the Colonial Revival influence on vernacular rural architecture at the turn of the 20th century. This building is typical of the style in both form and detail -- a three-bay wide, two story, side gable composition with a symmetrical facade and central passage plan emphasized by an applied pediment.

The property on which 5905 Ebenezer Road was constructed was historically associated with the Vincent family, for whom Vincent Farm Road is named. Beginning in late 19th century to the turn of the 20th century, the Vincent family began to purchase vast acres of largely unimproved agricultural land in the White Marsh area. Based on deed references recorded in the 1930s and 1940s, the family intended to subdivide the land and construct speculative housing. With the construction of the Martin Company facilities in the late 1920s, the housing requirements necessary to support the influx of workers at the company spurred subdivision and development of agricultural land throughout the area. Yet, the Vincent family was unable to completely fulfill their speculative plans, going bankrupt in the 1930s.

Improved in 1894 by the construction of a vernacular Colonial Revival style dwelling, the property at 5905 Ebenezer Road was conveyed by the Vincent family in 1929 to Howard Lee Moore and Gertrude Moore. Widowed in 1954, Gertrude Rhea Moore eventually conveyed the property to John W. Richardson in 1961. Ten years later, the dwelling was purchased by present owners Helen E. and Edward John Surman.

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National Register Evaluation:

The house at 5905 Ebenezer Road is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the dwelling and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the building provides an example of the Colonial Revival style, it is neither unusual nor distinguished; it does not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Not Recommended X

Comments:

Review, OPS: [Signature] Date: 11/19/97

Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 3/17/00

[Signature]

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)
Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape, and Community
Planning

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

Deed A: 114-3/4 acres

May 21, 1902: Equity Case: Julia A. Strong versus Winchester Bond, et al
Elmer J. Cook appointed Trustee to sell property
114-3/4 acres

August 9, 1902: Elmer J. Cook, et al, Trustee to Richard and Annie Vincent
114-3/4 acres
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber NBM 263 Folio 235

Deed B: 61-8/10 acres

May 3, 1816: James Christopher devised to Thomas Christopher

February 9, 1912: Charles Pielut and Forrest Bramble, administrators for Thomas Christopher to James L. and Anna C. Smick
61-8/10 acres
Will Records of Baltimore County
Liber OPM 4 Folio 168
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber WPC 390 Folio 369

June 24, 1920: James L. and Anna C. Smick to Richard and Annie Vincent
61-8/10 acres
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber WHM 661 Folio 282

Deeds A and B: 176.55

December 19, 1928: John S. and Mary Vincent and Richard A. and Ella Vincent to Nathan C. Robertson
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December 19, 1928: Nathan C. Robertson to Richard A. and Ella Vincent
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber WHM 661 Folio 284

December 19, 1928: Nathan C. Robertson to John S. and Mary R. Vincent
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber WHM 661 Folio 287

December 29, 1934: Richard A. Vincent and John S. Vincent to The Royal Realty Corporation
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber CWB, Jr. 949 Folio 89

Deed C: 51-38/100

January 10, 1871: Geoffery Jones to Annie E. Vincent
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber EHA 69 Folio 79

May 15, 1907: Annie E. Vincent and Richard Vincent, Jr. to R. Vincent, Jr. and Sons Company
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber WPC 322 Folio 161

December 19, 1928: R. Vincent, Jr. and Sons Company to John S. and Richard A. Vincent
Land Records of Baltimore County

July 16, 1929: Vincent Family to Howard Lee and Gertrude Moore
Part of property
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber LMCLM 826 Folio 279

September 18, 1961: Gertrude Rhea Moore, widow to John W. Richardson
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber WJR 3896 Folio 292

August 23, 1971: John W. Richardson to Helen E. and Edward John Surman
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 5212 Folio 118

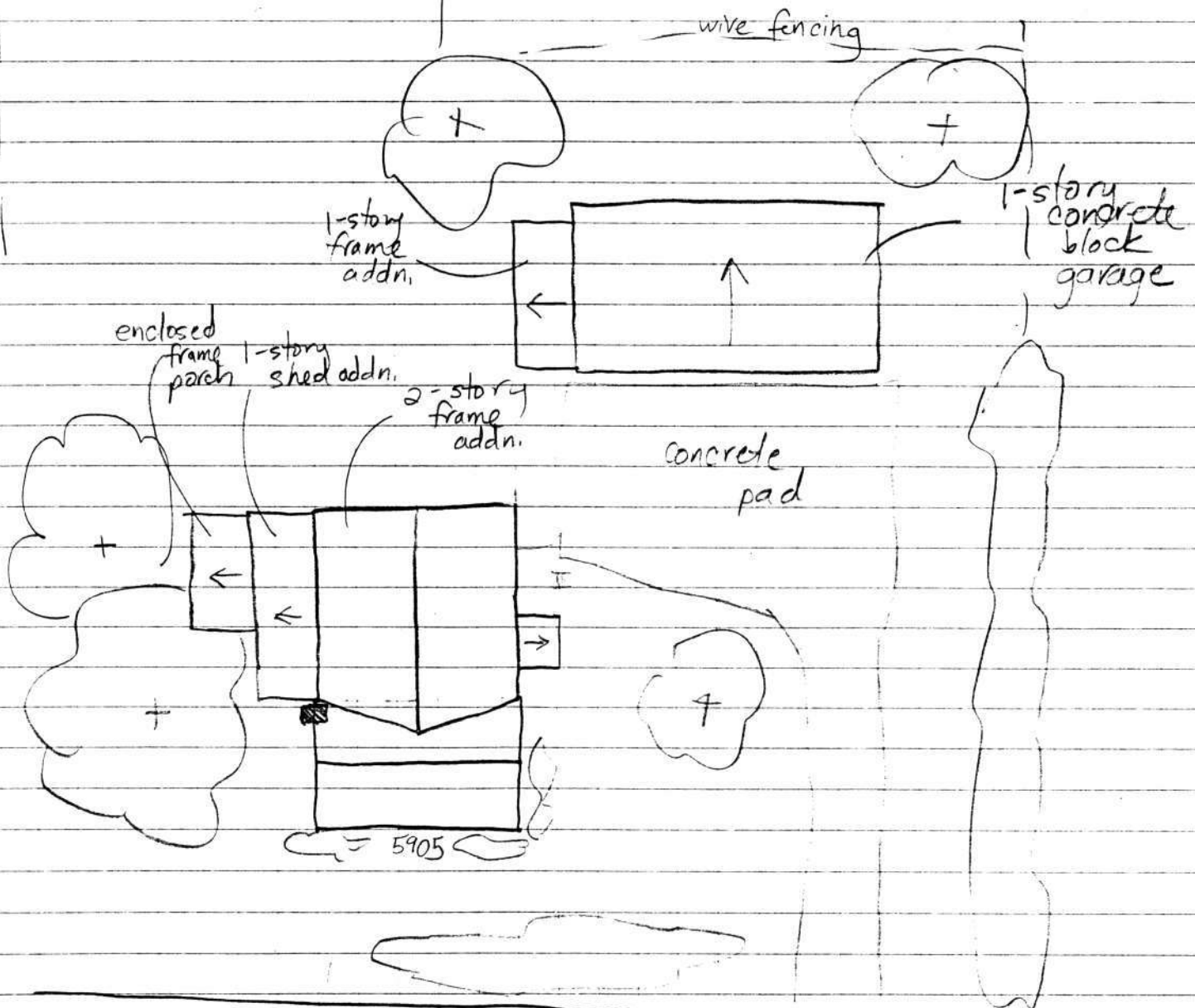
SKETCH MAP

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5905 Ebenezer Rd
White Marsh, MD
Baltimore County

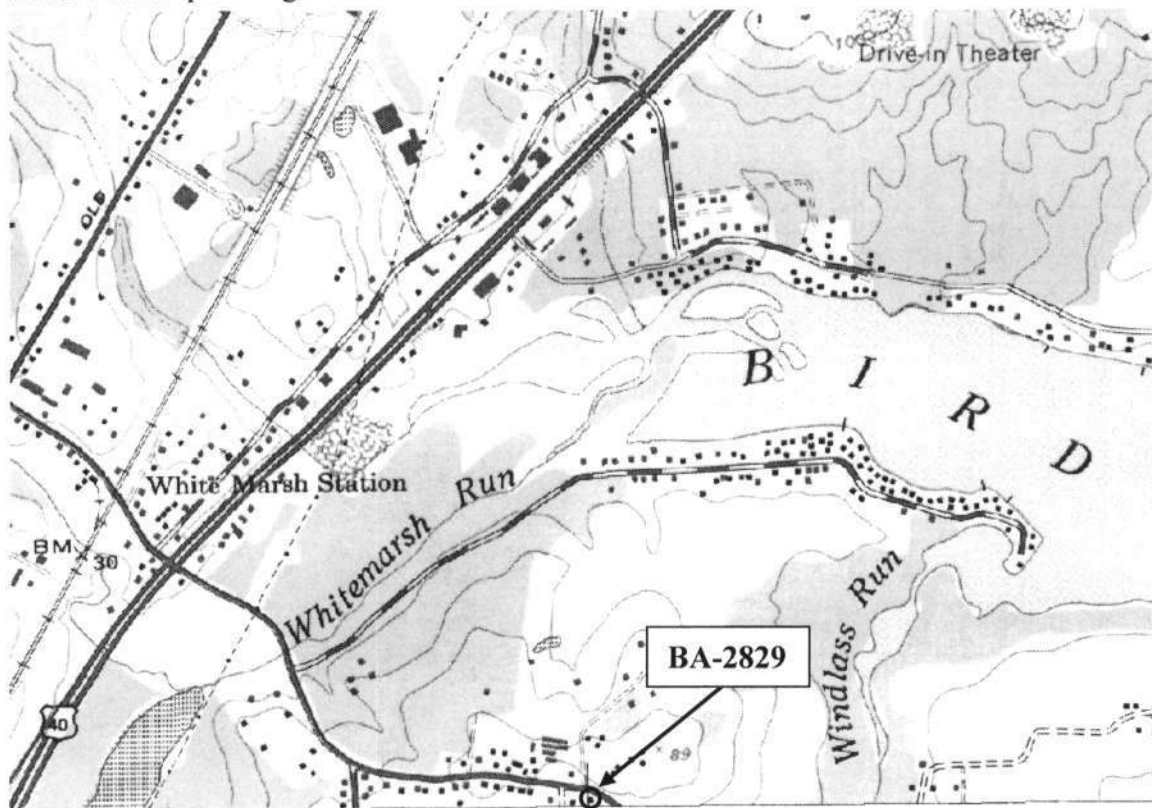


wooded area



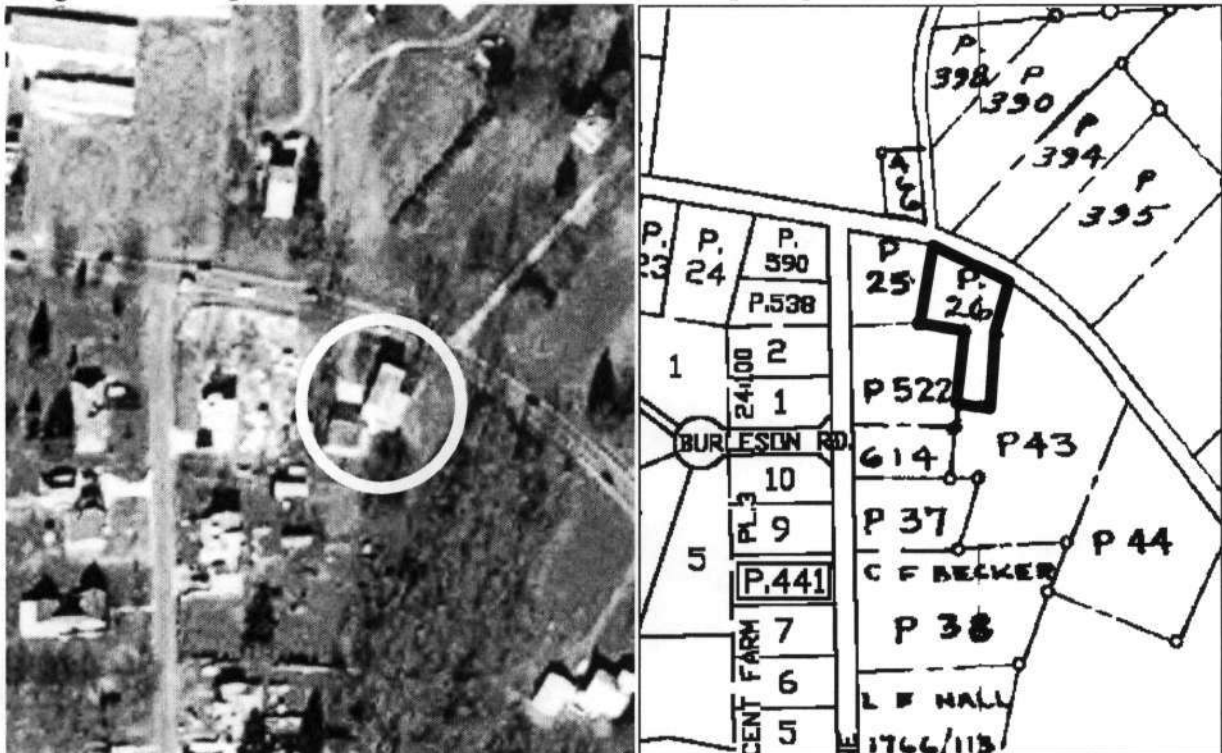
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5905 Ebenezer Road, Middle River
White Marsh quadrangle



Google Earth image, c. 2007

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WHITE MARSH, MD

TRACERIES

AUGUST 1997

MARYLAND SHPO

NORTH ELEVATION

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WHITE MARSH, MD

TRACERIES

AUGUST 1997

MARYLAND SHPO

NW CORNER

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WEST ELEVATION
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WHITE MARSH, MD

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SOUTH ELEVATION

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EAST ELEVATION - SOUTHERN HALF

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